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SUBJ: SOVIET MINISTER OF HEALTH HONORS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 134807

1. SOVIET MINISTER OF HEALTH PETROVSKIY APPEARED ON TELEVISION  
JUNE 13 TO HONOR THE RENEWAL OF THE US-USSR HEALTH  
AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO THE TASS REPORT, PETROVSKIY COMMENTED  
THAT SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN HEALTH IS "UNDOUBTEDLY  
USEFUL." NOTING THAT THE PROGRAM INVOLVED OVER ONE HUNDRED  
INSTITUTES, PETROVSKIY STATED THAT IT HAD LED TO THE  
ACCELERATED SOLUTION OF MANY MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND HAD INCREASED  
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.

2. MINISTRY OF HEALTH TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY ON JULY 14 TEXT  
OF TELEX WHICH PETROVSKIY PLANS TO SEND IN RESPONSE TO  
HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO'S TELEX MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE US-USSR  
HEALTH AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCE.  
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EXCHANGE OF TELEX MESSAGES WILL OCCUR AT 1910 MOSCOW TIME.  
MOH OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THEY DO NOT PLAN A CEREMONY IN  
MOSCOW TO MARK THE EXCHANGE. NO EMBASSY PARTICIPATION WAS  
REQUESTED. TEXT OF CALIFANO MESSAGE PASSED TO MOH BY  
U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FISCHER (REF).

3. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF PETROVSKIY TELEX MESSAGE:

"ESTEEMED MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR THE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE USSR AND THE USA ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH AND ALSO OF SOVIET-AMERICAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ABOUT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARTIFICIAL HEART. THESE AGREEMENTS LAID THE BASIS OF A QUALITATIVELY NEW STAGE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS WHICH REPRESENT THE DIRECT INTEREST NOT ONLY OF THE POPULATIONS OF OUR COUNTRIES BUT ALSO OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

AS THE FIVE-YEAR EXPERIENCE SHOWS, THE UNION OF EFFORTS OF THE USSR AND THE USA IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH IS UNDOUBTEDLY USEFUL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL; IT ALLOWS THE SOLUTION OF A SERIES OF QUESTIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND PRACTICE IN AN ACCELERATED TIME WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES. AND AS WELL AS ENABLING THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND MORE CLOSE COOPERATION TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES OF OUR COUNTRIES AND OF ALL MANKIND TO THE BENEFIT OF PEACE.

I ASK YOU, ESTEEMED MINISTER, TO TRANSMIT MY BEST WISHES TO ALL AMERICAN SPECIALISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND FIELD OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCE.

BORIS PETROVSKIY"

4. EUR/SOV - PASS BY TELEPHONE TEXT OF PETROVSKIY TELEX TO FISCHER'S OFFICE, DHEW, ASAP.

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